

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 CPR-01 SCA-01 L-03 USIA-06 /033 W  
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R 071503Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8564  
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, UN, NI, US  
SUBJECT: NIGERIANS TIE ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS TO  
EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO ISSUANCE DIPLOMATIC CARDS TO NIGERIAN  
CLASS B OFFICERS IN U.S.

REF: (A) STATE 76 28190 (B) LAGOS 76 12301

1. MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) PROTOCOL OFFICE IS WITHHOLDING  
ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS TO SOME EMBASSY PERSONNEL UNTIL  
MINISTRY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM USG OR NIGERIAN MISSIONS

IN U.S. THAT WE HAVE ISSUED DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS TO NIGERIA CLASS B  
OFFICERS (REFTELS). BECAUSE OF ERROR IN ORIGINAL EMBASSY NOTE, MEA  
PROTOCOL ISSUED "OFFICIAL" RATHER THAN "DIPLOMATIC" CARDS TO TWO  
USIS OFFICERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. WE RETURNED THE ID CARDS, BUT  
THE MINISTRY HAS SEIZED OPPORTUNITY THUS PROVIDED TO PRESSURE  
US RESOLVE CASES OF CLASS B OFFICERS IN ITS FAVOR.

2. BEFORE DECIDING ON NEXT STEP, WE WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON STATE  
OF PLAY WITH REGARD TO ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC CARDS TO NIGERIAN  
CLASS B OFFICERS. IN ACCORD REFTEL (A), WE ORALLY INFORMED MEA THAT  
CARDS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO CLASS B OFFICERS IN NIGERIAN EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON. WE ALSO TOLD MINISTRY THAT CASES OF CLASS B OFFICERS  
IN NEW YORK WERE BEING REVIEWED. IF CARDS HAVE IN FACT BEEN  
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ISSUED TO OFFICERS IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THAT FACT AND AUTHORIZATION PROVIDE MEA  
WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.  
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## Message Attributes

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